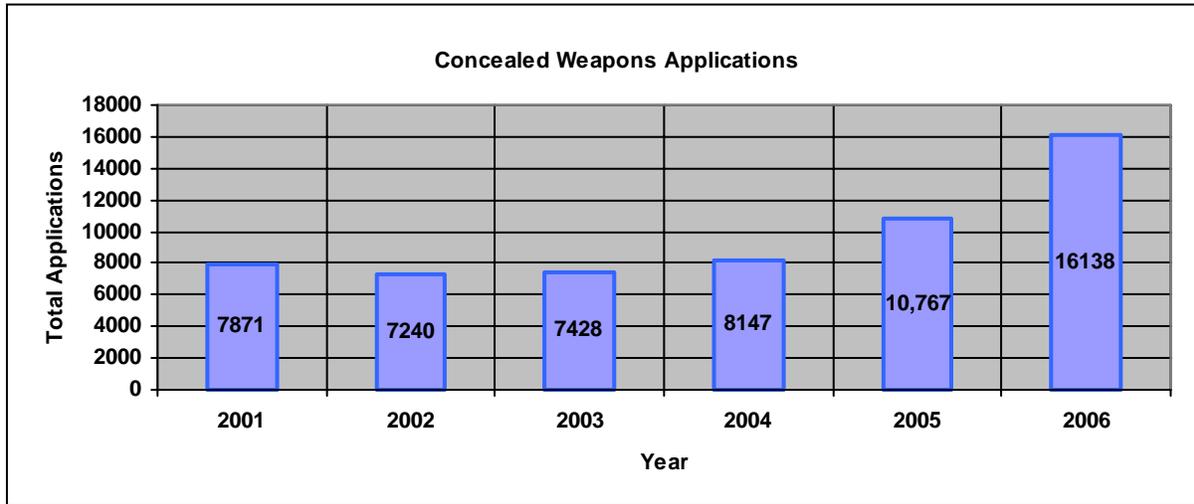


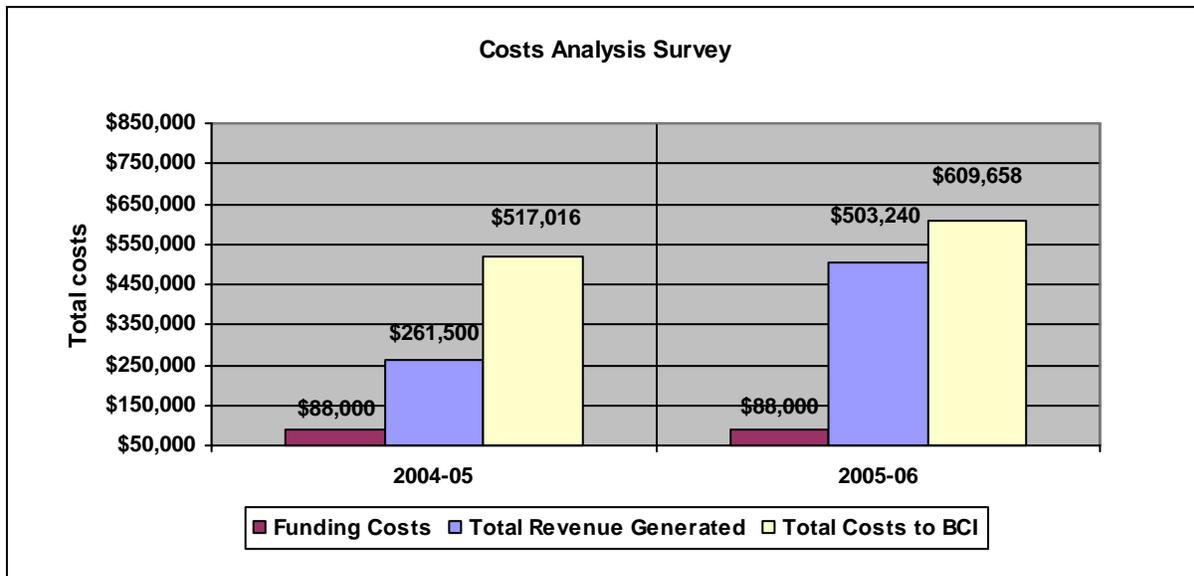
Concealed Carry Weapons Program (CCW) Fact Sheet – July 2006

Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification, Department of Public Safety

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 53-5-701 et seq., the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) is responsible for issuing concealed firearm permits. The following summarizes the current status, including historic trends, of this program:

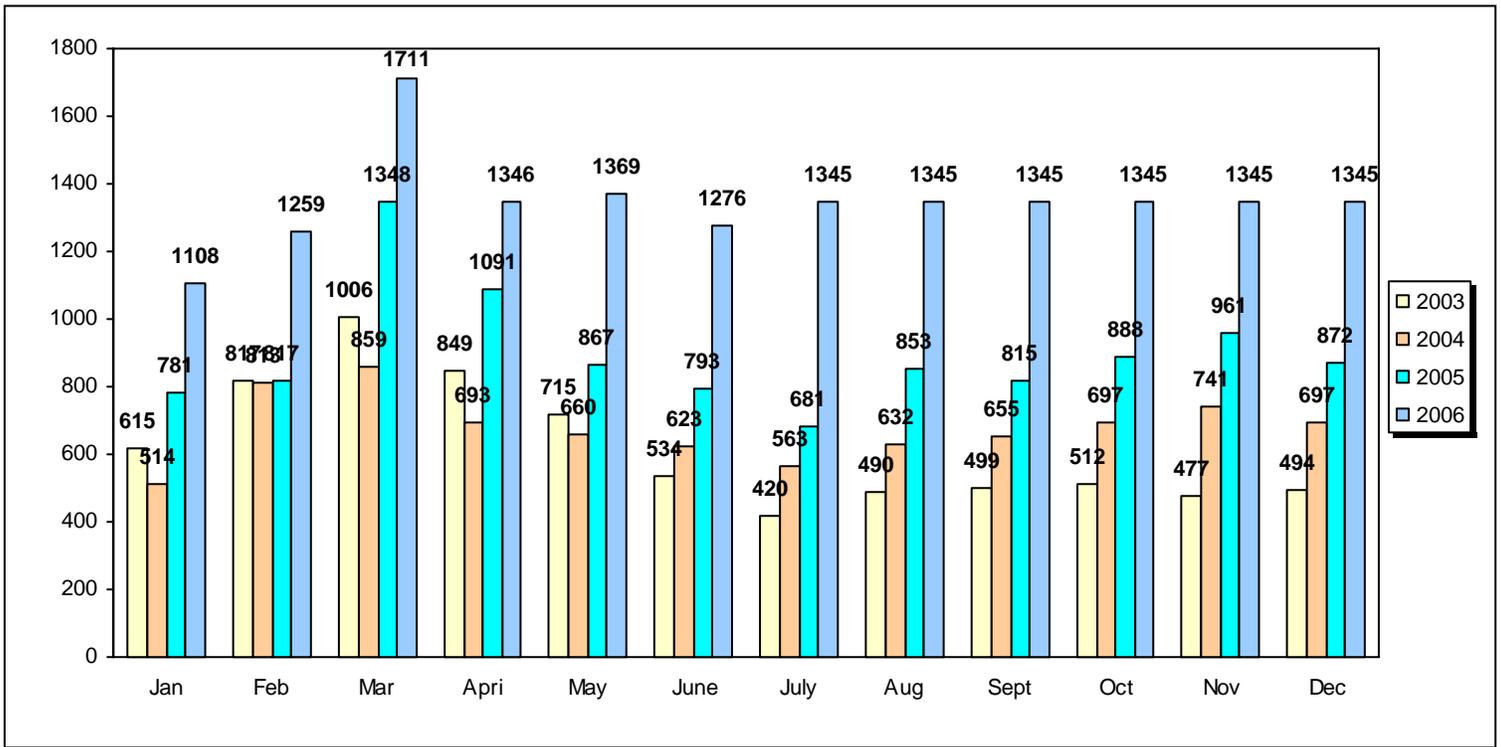


Even with the conservative projections for the balance of 2006, total concealed carry weapon (CCW) applications should exceed last years totals by 50% and by 98% over 2004.



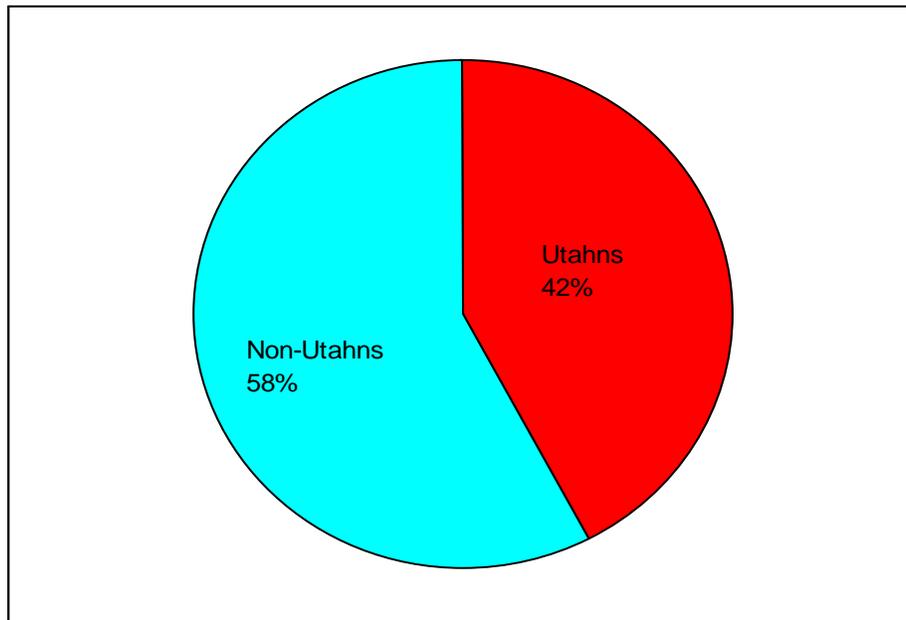
At \$59 per application, \$35 remains in Utah and \$24 must go to the FBI. Above, only the \$35 kept in Utah is considered and the total costs of running the CCW program consistently exceed the revenue generated by the applications. Methodologically, the real costs to BCI's CCW program include such items as salaried employees, computers and data connections, limited investigation capacity, miscellaneous overhead ranging from postage to phone lines, etc.

The \$88,000 represents the programs current legislative funding. The gap, obviously, between this limited appropriation and what the program actually costs is significant and expanding. As concluded in a 2001 Utah Legislative Audit, even if BCI received all of the proceeds from the program, and at the current permit fee structure, it would still not cover the entire program's costs. (Utah Legislative Auditor's Report, *Processing Costs for Concealed Weapon Permits* - Report #2001-02)



This graph shows applications numbers during various months during the past 4 years. As illustrated, the projections for the balance of 2006 are conservative averages. Given the upward trend of the later months of previous years, we may see increases as '06 proceeds.

Current CCW Applications



A current **snapshot** of the over 2,600 applicants in BCI's backlog shows, for the first time ever, a majority of applicants are coming from outside of Utah. This certainly appears to be driving the dramatic increase in recent applications.

Conclusion: BCI's Concealed Carry Weapon Program does not receive the revenue generated from the application fees, i.e., there has been no statutory dedicated credit established to do so. Rather, these funds go directly into the state's general fund and BCI continues to receive an annual appropriation of \$88,000 to run the program. Given BCI's other pressing public safety duties, e.g., providing criminal background checks for numerous individuals including school teachers, law enforcement, adopting parents, medical professionals, etc., there are currently only 5 employees assigned to the CCW section.

As of mid July, '06, the avg. waiting period for a CCW permit is 67 days, exceeding the statutory deadline of 60 days. (Utah Code. Ann. § 53-5-704)